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**24-HOUR REPORT** 

12 APRIL 2022

### (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) Los Angeles - Inmate who Walked Away from LA Re-Entry Facility is Caught in Pacoima

(U) Authorities apprehended an inmate who walked away from a Los Angeles re-entry program. The suspect fled a Male Community Re-Entry Program facility and was later tracked to Pacoima, where he was re-arrested. The suspect was sentenced to prison in June 2021 for carjacking with the use of a firearm. He was convicted of drug charges while incarcerated in Kern County. The suspect will be referred to the district attorney for consideration of escape charges.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, Los Angeles Daily News

### (U) San Francisco – Federal Prosecutors Accuse Man of Possessing 10 Ounces of Fentanyl

(U) Federal prosecutors filed gun possession charges against a man who was allegedly pulled over with a backpack containing 10 ounces of fentanyl. Authorities charged the suspect with being a felon in possession of a firearms and faces up to 10 years in federal prison if convicted. The suspect is a repeat offender who had returned to San Francisco after being deported to Honduras. During a traffic stop, the officers discovered the suspect had a warrant and also found the weapon underneath a passenger seat. Officers also discovered a backpack containing 10 ounces of fentanyl and smaller amounts of crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and cocaine salt. The charge comes amidst ongoing efforts by the US DOJ to combat fentanyl sales in San Francisco.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, East Bay Times

### (U) San Monica – USPS Suspends Service in Neighborhood Due to Assaults and Threats

(U) The US Postal Service suspended service in a Santa Monica neighborhood after reports of repeated attacks on mail carriers. In a notice posted on apartment mailboxes, the USPS informed residents that service to the neighborhood is suspended and cited several assaults and threats against mail carriers by an individual. Santa Monica police advise they have not received any reports about the crimes from the Postal Service. The department located one incident in January for an assault with a broomstick, but the victim declined to press charges. Residents said the attacks and threats appear to involve one person. SOURCE: 11 April 2022, NBC Los Angeles

#### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

### (U) Texas – Mexican Truck Drivers Block US-Mexico Point of Entry in Protest of TX Inspections

(U) Pharr – Commercial traffic at Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, a major port of entry for the US-Mexico border that handles both commercial and passenger vehicles, is "halted temporarily" due to an ongoing protest on the Mexican side of the border. The restrictions were enacted by the Texas Governor who announced several actions in response to President Joe Biden's plans to lift Title 42, a pandemic policy that effectively prevented migrants from seeking asylum in the US. The strategies are meant to "curtail the flow of drugs, human traffickers, illegal immigrants, weapons and other contraband into Texas." The border inspections by Texas are seen as redundant by at least two major trade groups and that the policy is wreaking havoc at the border.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, CNN

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#### (U) NATIONAL

### (U) New York – At Least 13 Injured in Subway Attack

(U) Brooklyn – At least 13 people were shot or otherwise injured after a lone gunman in a reflective vest and possibly a gas mask threw smoke bombs on a subway car in Brooklyn and began shooting Tuesday morning. A manhunt is now underway as details continue to emerge in this developing situation. No arrests have been made, and schools in the area went into a lockdown or shelter in place as the search continues. Police were looking at as many as four packages initially deemed suspicious, but they were later determined to be unfounded.

SOURCE: 12 April 2022, ABC 7

### (U) New York – Woman Found Guilty of Helping MS-13 Lure Four Men to their Deaths in NY

(U) Bronx – Federal authorities said a New York woman, who helped the MS-13 gang kill four young men in Long Island in 2017, has been found guilty on all counts. The suspect allegedly lured five men to a park in Central Islip to smoke marijuana. Upon arriving, the victims were attacked by gang members with machetes, knives, an axe, and wooden clubs. Prosecutors said the MS-13 members believed the victims were "members of a rival gang, at least two of whom had disrespected the MS-13 by posting pictures on social media. The suspect faces up to life in prison when she is sentenced. More than a dozen MS-13 members and associates have been charged in connection with the 2017 killings.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, MSN

### (U) New York – Top Japanese Mobster Arrested over Plot to Sell Drugs to Buy Missiles

(U) New York City – Federal authorities arrested a Japanese Yakuza leader for allegedly conspiring to sell drugs in the US to purchase surface-to-air missiles for armed rebel groups in Myanmar. The suspect, along with co-conspirators, was arrested in New York following a Drug Enforcement Administration investigation. The plot intended to distribute hundreds of kilograms of methamphetamine and heroin on New York streets to buy weapons for use in a deteriorating political situation in Myanmar. Japan's notorious Yakuza are member of Mafia-like organized crime syndicates that span networks in multiple countries.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, Insider

#### (U) Pennsylvania – Man Accused of Trafficking Guns to Philadelphia in Straw Purchasing Scheme

(U) Philadelphia – Federal prosecutors said an Atlanta rapper is accused of running a straw purchasing scheme in which at least 10 defendants helped traffic nearly 300 guns from Georgia to Pennsylvania. The suspect is accused of running the ring that's purchased hundreds of firearms from federally licensed firearm dealers across Georgia since 2020. Philadelphia remains plagued by gun violence, with data showing there have been at least 127 homicides this year, outpacing an already historic 2021. The scheme involved purchasing guns almost daily at stores like Academy Sports, Adventure Outdoors, and a string of pawn shops before trafficking them to Pennsylvania where the guns were discovered at crime scenes or in the possession of convicted felons.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, Fox News

#### (U) Wisconsin – Man Shoots-up Police Station Three Days after his Friend Died there in Custody

(U) Milwaukee – Authorities apprehended a suspect who fired upon a police precinct after his friend died there while in custody after taking drugs during a traffic stop. The suspect, reported to have reached a "breaking point" following his friend's death fired multiple rounds after not getting any

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answers about his friend's death due to it being part of an ongoing investigation. The suspect fired multiple shots in the building before fleeing on foot. The suspect was wounded shortly after during an exchange of gunfire. He was later charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide. No officers were wounded in the incident.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, Daily Mail

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

### (U) Congo - Suspected Islamists Kill at Least 20 People in Attacks

(U) Beni – Suspected Islamists killed at least 20 civilians in attacks in Democratic Republic of Congo's Ituri province. The attackers are alleged members of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan militia that has been active in eastern Congo since the 1990s and has killed scores of civilians in village raids. The group also burned down houses and looted many of the resident's belongings. Congo declared a state of siege last year over the worsening bloodshed in Ituri and North Kivu provinces. Uganda sent more than 1,000 troops in Congo in December to undertake joint operations against ADF. SOURCE: 11 April 2022, Reuters

### (U) England – Islamic State Supporter Found Guilty of Killing UK Lawmaker

(U) London – After a deliberation for just 18 minutes, a jury from London's Central Criminal Court found an Islamic State supporter guilty of stabbing lawmaker David Amess to death sparking calls for increased police protection for politicians. The incident occurred as Mr. Amess was meeting with voters at a church hall in eastern England. The suspect had spent years researching and planning potential attacks on lawmakers and defended his actions by saying Amess deserved to die because of voting for airstrikes on Syria in 2014 and 2015. The suspect was found guilty of murder and preparing terrorist acts. The incident came fiver year after another politician was shot and stabbed to death by a far-right extremist. SOURCE: 11 April 2022, ABC News

## (U) Mexico - Gunmen Burst into Home and Kill Family of Eight Near Mexico City

(U) Mexico City – Authorities said gunmen burst into a home just north of Mexico City and killed eight members of a family, including four children, as the country continues to be plagued by a wave of brutal violence. Prosecutors in the State of Mexico, which border the capital, said there was no immediate information on a possible motive. Across the country, more that 340,000 people have been killed in a wave of bloodshed since the government deployed the army to fight drug cartels in 2006. SOURCE: 11 April 2022, CBS News

#### (U) Nigeria – Eighteen Islamic State, Boko Haram Insurgents Killed in Borno

(U) Borno – Eighteen suspected members of the Islamic State in West Africa Province/Boko Haram were killed by troops of the Multi-National Joint Task Force in a clearance operation near Lake Chad. Troops also recovered weapons, two motorcycles, round of ammunition, and destroyed over 40 bags of beans and a gun truck. Two soldiers were wounded in the operation. The task force is seeking to flush out the remnants of the terrorists around the fringes of the Lake Chad region and other parts of the Northeast to ensure the end of the ongoing conflict in the area.

SOURCE: 11 April 2022, Naija News

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